

# MARK TWAIN'S DAUGHTER DROWNED IN BATHTUB AT REDDING

(Special from the United Press.)  
Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean L. Clemens, youngest daughter of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), was found dead in the bathtub at the home of her father, "The Stormfield," just before 8 o'clock today, by Miss Clemens' maid who became anxious when her mistress failed to appear in the dressing room at the usual hour.  
Miss Clemens began her morning bath shortly before 7 o'clock as had been her custom. At 7:30 o'clock the maid had instructions to be in the dressing room to assist Miss Clemens to dress. The maid this morning waited until nearly 8 o'clock before going to the bathroom to learn why Miss Clemens was delayed. She knocked at the door but was given no response. Then she became alarmed and forcing open the door, found Miss Clemens dead in the tub.  
Epilepsy is given as the cause of Miss Clemens' sudden death. She had been a sufferer for several years but in the last three or four months her condition seemed improved. When she arose this morning she greeted her father, the humorist, cordially before retiring for her bath.  
It is said that Mr. Clemens is almost prostrated by grief and fears are entertained that the shock will prove serious to him.  
Miss Clemens was 25 years old and has lately been acting as her father's private secretary. Her sister, Mr. Clemens' only other daughter, is at present on a trip to Switzerland.  
She had suffered from epilepsy for several years and it is believed here that she was attacked while in the bathtub and slipped down into the water, where she drowned. Her father gave out the following statement:  
"My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at half past seven. All the last half of her life she was an epileptic but she has been growing better in late years. For the past two years we have believed that she was cured of the disease and she was in no way violent. At seven-thirty today a maid went to her room to see why she had not responded to the breakfast call. She found her in the bathtub drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out. She had been leading a very active life. She spent the greater part of her time looking after the farm that I purchased for her and has also undertaken much of my secre-

# CHRISTMAS MORNING IN THE NURSERY



Brother Billie got a bugle and a train and Teddy bear;  
Sister Susie got a dolly that has real human hair;  
Little Dotty Dimple's worried, 'cause she woke up last of all;  
If she hurries much she'll tumble from her bed and get—a fall.

# 8 LIVES LOST IN CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE

(Special from United Press.)  
Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 24.—Guitana De Gerbo and wife, three children and three boarders were burned to death early today in their home at Hillside Village by a Christmas tree fire.  
Neighbors say that De Gerbo took a Christmas tree to his home last night, smuggling it into the front room while the children were eating supper. After supper De Gerbo and his wife went shopping, buying candies and trinkets with which to decorate the tree, and presents for the children. On their return home the children were in bed and the father and mother adorned the tree.  
The fire broke out about 11:30 o'clock and the children were awakened by the flames. They fled to the front room and lighted the candles to see how it would look. The fire spread rapidly and broke out in the De Gerbo home and within a few minutes the whole house was enveloped in flames. The dwelling burned to the ground, consuming the occupants.

# AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE FIGHTING FIERCELY

Gen. Estrada Begins Victorious March that is Destined to Mark End of Despot Yzelaya.  
(Special from United Press.)  
Bluefields, (via wireless to Colon), Dec. 24.—With the last vestige of former President Yzelaya's army either killed or captured, nothing stands in the way today of General Estrada's march against Managua. General Estrada has already begun the advance and unless President Estrada surrenders for peace, the capture of the capital by the revolutionists seems assured.  
The completion of the annihilation of Yzelaya's army on Wednesday evening in another fierce battle between the revolutionists and government forces at Recreo was a sweeping revolutionary victory.  
The heroism displayed by John Brainsford, a North American, is but a score of other Americans, which inspired the revolutionists to such valor as rarely displayed by Central American soldiers.  
Brainsford, thrice wounded in Monday's fighting at Rama, crawled into Estrada's tent last night with his head bandaged with an American flag. He had been left for dead on the field and was one of the two Americans reported killed in the battle. Brainsford was seen on to Bluefields and is now being cared for by the surgeons from the American warships. His wound is a shot in the right arm, but the surgeons say he will recover.  
Generals Gonzales, Castillo and Roberto were captured and are now in the hands of the revolutionists. Brainsford's cause has been crushed.  
Practically 2,500 men, or rather men and boys, for more than half of the government army made up of boys, are in their hands. They will be cared for to prevent a terrible death roll.  
Four hundred of the soldiers are actually sick and but the aid being rendered by the surgeons from the American warships, scores of these would undoubtedly die. The news of the surrender of the remnants of Yzelaya's army was received last night while 200 prisoners were being disembarked from a boat that brought them from Rama. The information caused another wild night of rejoicing, the celebration being tempered only by the knowledge that the final struggle had cost 200 lives, a fourth of them in the revolutionary ranks. Twice this number were injured, which will mean an added tax on the already overcrowded hospital facilities of Blue-

# NO "FARMER" TOMORROW. SALOONS CLOSE TONIGHT UNTIL MONDAY MORNING

The Farmer will not be issued tomorrow. This is in accordance with its custom of many years standing, and the belief that Christmas should be a universal holiday set aside for gratitude and rejoicing. The Farmer wishes its large and constantly increasing clientele of friends a very happy Christmas, and assures them that it will continue to seek and deserve their approbation.

# ANOTHER BLOW FOR DR. COOK

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, Dec. 24.—The special committee of the Explorers Club which has been investigating the Mt. McKinley claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook submitted its report this afternoon to the board of directors of the club in session in the club headquarters.  
The report, which will be probably be made public later in the afternoon, is believed to be adverse to Dr. Cook. Members of the committee declined to discuss the matter in advance of the meeting of the board.  
The future attitude of the club toward Dr. Cook will be decided upon by the directors after the committee findings are made public.

# BROKAW WOULD TAKE WIFE TO HEART AGAIN

(Special from United Press.)  
Mineola, L. I., Dec. 24.—William Gould Brokaw, testifying in his own behalf in the suit of his wife Mary Brokaw, for separation and alimony, declared on the witness stand before Justice Putnam that he stood ready and willing to reconcile all differences with his wife and take her back as he would his household. In the same breath, however, he qualified his statement by declaring:  
"I would take her right back here, and now if she would only promise not to make charges about me and other women I am sensitive and these charges hurt my feelings and besides I cannot believe her as she tells me one thing one minute and another the next."  
Mrs. Brokaw was not in court to hear her husband's statement, it being stated that she was confined to her home by a very bad cold.

# CUPID'S NET FILLED WITH WEDDING GIFTS

Wedding bells and Christmas bells will chime together for a number of couples. These licenses were issued this afternoon by the clerk of the town of Stamford. Joseph F. Westman, aged 29, a factory hand of this city, and Miss Margaret O'Connor, aged 29, of this city; Morris Gross, aged 22, merchant of this city, and Miss Bessie Shapiro, aged 19, of this city; Frank Robertson, aged 24, ironworker, of Stratford, and Miss Susan H. Everett, aged 22, of Stratford; John Hoffman, aged 24, toolmaker, and Miss Lillian Moll, both of this city; Frank Voleris, aged 25, laborer, of this city, and Miss Caesaria Adoradoro, aged 22, both of this city; Joseph P. Novey, aged 24, carpenter, and Miss Hattie L. Hommiller, 27, both of this city; Steve Poor, aged 26, moulder, and Miss Etel Szabo, aged 21, weaver, both of this city; John A. Osting, aged 23, motorman, and Miss Eva Johnson, both of this city.

# Deaths and Funerals.

Many relatives and friends attended the funeral of James Wheelan, which was held from his late home, 623 Knowlton street, this morning at 8:30, and from St. Charles' church at 9, where Rev. Father Lynch celebrated a mass of requiem. At the offertory Mrs. J. C. Lanz sang an "Ave Maria" and at the close of the mass "Face to Face." As the casket was being borne from the church "Thy Will Be Done" was rendered. Many floral offerings surrounded the bier. The pallbearers were Owen Bradley, Daniel Coughlin, Christopher Larkin, Peter Ferris, Dan Lane and Thomas O'Leary. Interment was in the family plot at St. Michael's cemetery.  
Frederick Becherer, an old and respected German resident better known to the residents of this city as Frederick Baker, died at the Bridgeport hospital yesterday afternoon, aged 79 years. He was one of the oldest Odd Fellows in the city being a member of St. John's lodge for the past 40 years. He is survived by six children to mourn his loss, Frederick, George, Charles, August, the well known undertaker, Mrs. George Engelhardt and Mrs. Joseph Deegan.  
GUINEA HENS, ducks, roasting chickens, broilers, fowl, liver pudding, sausage, meat, bologna, B mme & Bltz. G15-1350  
WHEN YOU WANT a good Derby or softer hat, see Jim at 27 East Main street. You know who, James J. Sheehan. D 14 tto 1 3 5  
FRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free hot roast beef to-morrow. G 2-13 0  
WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture framing at lowest prices. Sold on consignment. 129 Main St., Stratford building. 1 30 2 5  
NEW YORK BOLOGNA and frankfurters, home made meat loaf, fresh daily. Peter Hron, 1216 Stratford Ave. U 28 t f 3 5 0  
ALBERT TISKA, 1263 Stratford Ave., opposite Lincoln school, shaving, haircutting, massaging, etc. Children's haircutting a specialty. "As you like it." P 16 t f 5 0  
HOT ROAST BEEF for Saturday night at O'Connor's, East Main and Walcott Sts. All welcome. Lager and ales the finest. L f 5 0  
PIANOS FOR SALE.—25 will be sold at a saving of \$125.00. Chickering Bros. Steinway, McPhail, R. S. How, and Mason, also piano players. We have pianos as low as \$50.00. Easy payments if desired. F. Fitch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t 0  
NOTICE.  
Bartenders Union, local 256, don't forget our regular meeting, Sunday, Dec. 26, 3:30 p. m. There will be election of officers at this meeting for the ensuing six months and other important business that requires your attention. JOHN M. SEARS, Sec. a  
WANTED.—Young men to learn automobile business by mail and prepare for positions as chauffeurs and repair men. We make you expert in ten weeks; assist you to secure position. Pay big; work pleasant; demand for men great; reasonable; write for particulars and sample lesson. Empire Automobile Institute, Rochester, N. Y. T 24 b p 0

# TAX LEAGUE NAMES ATTY. HENRY P. LYONS FOR ITS SECRETARY

Attorney Henry P. Lyons has been selected from about 60 candidates as the secretary of the Taxpayers' League. Mr. Lyons is one of the most able of the younger members of the bar in this city. He is a Democrat. His selection will undoubtedly give a great deal of stability to the league which is within the focus of the public eye at present. Mr. Lyons has a host of friends who are delighted to hear of his success.  
The secretary was elected at a meeting of the executive committee, held in the Board of Trade Rooms. The committee on nominations made a report favoring the election of Mr. Lyons. The committee on municipal government, legislation, municipal development, taxation and resources, municipal expenditures, civil service and public utilities.  
Charles R. Ayres, chairman of the press committee of the league, said that the league was a voluntary organization depended largely upon the work of the secretary as the majority of the members are very busy men.  
There is to be no charge for membership in the organization. Wealthy men and manufacturing interests contributed to the payment of dues, and wanted subscriptions. All property owners who desire to be members have only to send their names to the organization and they will be enrolled without expense.  
At a recent meeting Horace Piggs proposed that some plan be devised for the payment of dues. Mr. Lyons informed by the officers that there would be no dues.  
The committee elected last night were as follows: Committee on municipal government, A. W. Burritt, the founder of the Interstate Contractors, Builders and Contractors Association; Attorney C. S. Canfield, counsel for the Interstate Builders and Dealers Association; George M. Eames, general manager of the Slinger Manufacturing Co.; Edward D. Beach, real estate agent for the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.; Joseph Stoehr, North End butcher; Thomas H. Macdonald, inventor of the American Graphophone Co.; L. W. Birdseye, formerly with the Birdseye-Somers Co.; Arthur M. Marsh, attorney for the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.; and a number of other large corporations, and W. C. Webster, general manager of the Bridgeport Brass Co.  
The committee on legislation is Jerome Orcutt, vice president of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.; John J. Phelan, attorney at law; Sanford Stoddard, lawyer for the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co., and other large corporations; former Mayor Henry Lee; O. Howard Hall, printer; Philip L. Holzer, banker and former State Senator; Moses W. Mahwahing, president of the Congress Street Bridge Commission; Attorney John W. Banks, counsel for the Manufacturers' Association; William B. Boardman, corporation lawyer, and John S. Pullman, former judge of the City Court.  
Committee on municipal development.—Robert A. Hurley, former Alderman; E. D. Plante, Sr., retired contractor and member of the \$3,000,000 sewer commission; Louis Kutscher, Jr., president of the Hartmann Brewing Co.; Jeremiah Heller, Jr., contractor plumber; Charles H. Pancher, former member of the Board of Aldermen; E. P. Bullard, Jr., president of the Bullard Machine Tool Co. and a resident in Stratford; A. H. McKenzie of the Bridgeport Public Market; Robert Hinks, bond dealer; Edmund Thompson, wealthy real estate owner; and F. L. Bradbury, cruiser manufacturer and real estate owner.  
Committee on taxation and resources.—Fairchild Wheeler, president and treasurer of the Bridgeport Land & Title Co.; Henry Setzer, capitalist; Clarence D. Anderson, real estate agent; Eugene B. Peck, attorney at law; Horace Piggs, real estate owner; W. J. Nichols, real estate owner and dealer; George R. Crawford, laundryman; Frank E. Staples, broker; and fire insurance agents, Edward L. Graves, former Alderman and confecturer; James H. McElroy, provision dealer.  
Committee on municipal expenditure.—Frank Miller, president of the City National Bank and business partner and stockholder in a multitude of enterprises; S. E. Vincent, grain dealer and wholesale grocer; E. J. Morgan, head of the Coulter & McKenzie Machine Co.; James Feeley, real estate dealer; William Lattin, Jr., truckman; George C. Edwards, former member of the Board of Apportionment and a large stockholder in the International Silver Co.; E. B. Haines, custom shirt maker; Guy P. Miller, treasurer of the Bridgeport Brass Co.; F. A. Strong, retired former superintendent of the Eaton, Cole & Burnham factory; E. A. Wilmut, president of the American Tube & Stamping Co.  
Committee on civil service and public utilities.—Charles B. Read, of the firm of The D. M. Read Co.; W. B. Hobbs, of the Bridgeport Hardware Co.; C. R. Ayres, of the Bridgeport Brass Co.; Michael Curley, employed by the U. M. C. Co.; L. C. Willis, metal mixer with the Bridgeport Brass Co.; W. T. Howes, of the coal firm of Wheeler & Howes; H. C. Sherwood, retired manufacturer; Lyman S. Catlin, banker; C. D. Davis, of the jewelry firm of Davis & Hawley; and W. Hathaway, real estate dealer.

# ESTATE WORTH \$1,500,000. Stamford, Dec. 24.—The late Commodore James D. Smith left an estate of about one million and a half dollars, according to the inventory filed in the Probate court.

# UNCLASSIFIED

TO RENT.—Six rooms at 81 Hough Ave., \$21.00. Five rooms, 347 Wilmet Ave., \$13.00. D. R. Whitely, 1025 Main St. T 24 b o  
JUST RECEIVED.—A large shipment of English and German canaries. Make them sing. See them at 116 Wall St., upstairs. Open evenings. a p  
TO RENT.—165 Barnum Ave., 10 room house, very desirable neighborhood. For further particulars, address Bridgeport Land & Title Co. T 24 b o  
FOUND.—One automobile tire. Owner can have same by paying charges and proving property. Michael Kosma, 423 Spruce St. T 22 a o  
SOUVENIRS given away to patrons on Thursday and Friday at Jim Stapleton's cafe, Main and State streets. T 22 b p o  
FOR SALE.—On account of other business, small lunch room in Stratford, best location. Inquire F. A. L., 37 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn. T 22 a p o  
FOR RENT.—4 rooms, No. 44 Elm St. W. H. Hartly, Room No. 307 Newfield Building. T 21 u o  
FOR SALE.—Upright piano \$125. wonderful bargain. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u o  
FOR SALE.—One extra fine Pianola, mahogany case, with Bench and Music. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u o  
FOR SALE.—Violin, cellos, violas, bass violas. Prices from \$5 up. Sold on consignment. Instruments taken in exchange. Fitch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t 0  
FOR SALE.—Only one more square piano at \$10. Organ at \$8. Must be sold to make room for upright pianos. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u o  
PARTY with \$1,000.00 can obtain interest in a New Haven company doing splendid mail order business. Big dividend payer. P. O. Box 1562, New Haven, Conn. T 21 d p o  
ONE BEAUTIFUL walnut upright piano. Nearly new. In very fine condition. \$150. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u o  
FOR SALE.—Handsome upright piano in mahogany case, latest style, with mandolin attachment. \$175. Steiner's guarantee. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u o  
NOTICE.  
I desire to inform my friends and the public generally that hereafter I will be found at Martin Horchler's, corner of Park Ave. and Washington Terrace, 10 minutes walk from depot. Watson, 83 Fairfield Ave. a p  
I have what you have been looking for, an up-to-date 2 family house, all improvements, centrally located next to the corner of Park Ave. and Washington Terrace, 10 minutes walk from depot. Watson, 83 Fairfield Ave. a p  
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WANTED.—Eight good trimmers for interior work to go to Rhinebeck, N. Y. John Gough, 639 Railroad avenue, City. T 15 d o